Investment cap should be fixed at 74% for HITS. This recommendation is being considered. Government has proposed no change in foreign investment limits for cable sector. Downlinking Policy allows 100% FDI and no change has been proposed for channels uplinked from abroad and downlinked in India.

(b) Yes, Sir. A meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Industrial Policy and Promotion) on 21.11.2007.

(c) TRAI's recommendations are awaited. As such no time limit can be given on such policy issues.

Community Radio Stations by NGOs.

3180. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently approved a scheme for setting up of Community Radio Stations by Non-Governmental Organisations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of Non-Governmental Organisations which have been given permission to operate Community Radio Stations, State-wise, particularly, in Azamgarh district in Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, The Policy for grant of permission for setting up of Community Radio Stations in India has been liberalised in 2006 by including the Non-profit' organisations like civil society and voluntary organizations, State Agriculture Universities (SAUs), Indian Council of Agricultural Research Institutions, Krishi Vigyan Kendras, Registered Societies and Autonomous Bodies and Public Trusts registered under Societies Act under its ambit in addition to educational institutions. The new policy is aimed at allowing greater participation by the civil society on issues relating to development and social change.

(c) The State-wise details of Non-Governmental Organizations which have been given permission to operate Community Radio Stations are given in the enclosed statement *(See* below). However, no organization from Azamgarh district, Uttar Pradesh has applied for grant of permission.

Statement

State-wise details of the Non-Governmental organisations which have been given permission to operate Community Radio Stations

Sl.No.	State	• Name of Non-Governmental Organization (NGO)
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1. Deccan Develpment Society, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh 2. Abid Ali Khan Educational Trust, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh
2.	Bihar	1. Hanuman Prasad Gramin Vikas Seva Samiti, Kurhani, Muzaffarpur, Bihar 2. Ayodhya Lai Kalyan Niketan, Gopalganj, Bihar

The Government has decided to seek the recommendations of TRAI on the existing foreign investment limits for different segments that may be retained or revised as per the enclosed statement.

Statement

SI. Np.	^egmfnt	Existing limjp:	Proposed limit
1.	Teleport (Hub)	49%(FD1+FU)	74%(FD1+FU)
2.	DTH	49%(FDI+F1I) [within 49%, FDI component not to exceed 20%]	74%(1FDI+FII)
1	.Satellite Radio	No policy as on date	74%(FDI+FIT)
4.	HITS	No policy as on date	74%(FDI+FII)
5.	Cable Network	49%(FD1+FII)	49%(FDI+FII)
6.	FM Radio	20%(FD1+FI1)	24%(FDI+FII)
7.	TV Channels (News & Current Affairs Channels)	26%(FD1+FII)	26%(FDI+F11)

Ceiling on channels and DTH rates by TRAI

3183. SHRI MAHENDRAMOHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Telecom Regulatory Authority of India proposes to put ceiling on channels and DTH rates:

(b) whether TRAI has asked broadcasters not to charge premium of more than 50 per cenf

(c) if so. the details of the proposal: and

(d) what is Government doing to give level playing fields to both DTH and Cable TV operators in this regard[0]

THE MJNISTEROF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN - DASMUNSI): (a)to(d) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAl)after discussions with the pay channel broadcasters have finalized the road map for providing a levelj)laying field for both DTH and Cable TV operators. There has been a general consensus on the composition of bouquets and pricing of*a-la-carte* channels and bouquets. The Broadcasters will offer the same bouquets to the DTH operators as are being offered by them for non-CAS cable distribution. In addition, they are free to offer additional bouquets, The rates of bouquets and *a-la-carte* rates of pay channels so offered to the DTH Qpfejatpi* will broadly be inconsonance with the TDSAT's judgement dated 31 March, £(107 in petition Na 189(<§) of 2006 and judgement dated 14 July, 2006 in petition No. \36(C) Of 2006 wherein the rates were to be fifty per cent of the rates at which these bouquets/channels are being offered by them for non-CAS cable distribution i.e. non-addressable platform. The above 'arrangement is expected to provide a leval playing field.